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1. Pavel Stefan has been appointed Deputy Minister of the Armed Forces in Rumania. Stefan was a worker in Giurgiu, who was appointed Minister of Forest Economy. He became Minister of the Interior on 20 Sep 52, and was explicitly confirmed in this position in the last great governmental reorganization on 24 Jan 53.
2. The manner in which the present appointment was made deserves special remark. A decree for the appointment has never been published. It is not yet known whether Stefan was dismissed as Interior Minister, or who has succeeded him. In order to forestall unwelcome public reactions like those which took place in East Germany and Hungary after the announcement of concessions by the Communist governments, personnel changes connected with reforms frequently have not been announced at all.
3. The assumption of Stefan's possible removal as Minister of the Interior is supported by the following reasons:
 - a. Friction arose between Stefan and the national security officials at the time of the arrest of the "spies of western imperialism" (the 16 Rumanians tried by a Bucharest military court on 9 to 12 Oct 53).
 - b. Blame for inefficient control at the international youth festival in Bucharest, which was commented on with unpleasant disclosures in the Western press.

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